



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

SUBJECT: Concurrence on a Request for Funding for a Removal Action at the Dimock Residential Groundwater Site, Intersection of PA Routes 29 & 2024 Dimock Township, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania

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DATE: 1/17/12

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ATTN: Gilberto Irizarry, Director
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ISSUE:

EPA Region III is requesting concurrence on the attached "Request for Funding for a Removal Action at the Dimock Residential Groundwater Site, Intersection of PA Routes 29 & 2024 Dimock Township, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania. The OSC has determined that home wells in the Dimock area contain hazardous substances some of which are not naturally found in the environment. The hazardous substances are at levels that present health concerns at four of the homes. These specific homes have been dependent upon donated water for drinking and/or household use and the reliability of the sources for donated water is at this point uncertain. The presence of hazardous substances constitutes a release or substantial threat of a release and the situation meets the criteria for conducting a removal action under Section 300.415 of the NCP. The OSC has determined that funds in the amount of \$100,000 are needed to mitigate the health concerns initially at four homes and therefore proposed the actions included in this Action Memorandum. The action includes home well sampling at approximately 61 homes within the Site area, based upon historical information and a sampling rationale developed. This sampling may result in recommendations for EPA action, including the provision of alternate water at additional homes.

The OSC has determined that this Site meets the criteria for a Removal Action under Section 300.415 of the NCP. Because the conditions at the Site meet the criteria set forth in Section 300.415 of the NCP, and the Region finds that the conditions at the Site described above constitute a public health concern warranting attention, I am requesting your concurrence on the

request for funding for the removal action because this action appears to nationally significant or precedent setting. This approval is provided pursuant to EPA delegation of authority 14-2 which gives the Associate Director of the EPA Region III, Office of Preparedness and Response, Hazardous Site Cleanup Division authority to approve CERCLA removal actions.

Attachment: January 17, 2012 Action Memorandum